

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning chamber of Claim [[23]] 25, wherein said ~~workpiece holding arrangement is constructed to hold at least one disk shaped or plate shaped workpiece, resides within said vacuum cleaning chamber and comprises at least one access slit~~ slits are open to the interior of said vacuum cleaning chamber.

25. (Currently Amended) The chamber of Claim 24, wherein said holding arrangement defines for a holding plane for said disk-shaped ~~or plate-shaped workpiece~~ workpieces and said ~~slit extends~~ slits extend substantially parallel to said plane.

26. (Currently Amended) The chamber of Claim 25, wherein said ~~slit extends~~ slits extend laterally with respect to said holding plane.

27.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The chamber of Claim ~~[[23]]~~ 35, wherein said plasma discharge section is a low-voltage discharge section.

30. (Previously Presented) The chamber of Claim 29, wherein said low-voltage discharge section comprises an electron-emitting hot cathode.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The chamber of Claim ~~[[23]]~~ 35, wherein said tank arrangement feeds to said gas supply said gas comprising a working gas.

33. (Currently Amended) The chamber of Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 32, wherein said working gas ~~[[is]]~~ includes at least one noble gas.

34. (Canceled)

35. (New) A vacuum treatment chamber for generating disk-shaped workpieces with directly bondable surfaces, said chamber being a stand-alone chamber in ambient, comprising a plasma discharge section, a gas supply operatively connected with a gas tank arrangement predominantly containing nitrogen, a workpiece holding arrangement comprising a magazine with slits, each slit being arranged for a workpiece to be simultaneously treated in said vacuum treatment chamber.